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Report Highlights:

On December 25, 2003, following the USDA's December 23rd announcement of a suspected case of BSE in a US dairy cow, the Chinese Government placed a temporary ban on imports of US live cattle and bovine products. Attached is an unofficial translation of that announcement.

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The following is an unofficial FAS Beijing translation of a joint announcement released by China's Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) and the General Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ).

Emergency Notice on Temporary Suspension of Imports of US Live Cattle and Bovine Products

To: Agriculture (Livestock, Farm and Livestock) Bureaus and Entry & Exit Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine Bureaus of All Provinces, Municipal Cities and Autonomous Regions:

On December 23, 2003, the Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture held a press conference to announce that a cow suspected to be infected with BSE disease was found in Washington State. In order to prevent BSE from coming into our country and safeguard our country's livestock and economy, AQSIQ and MOA jointly and urgently announce:

1. From the date of release of this notice, imports of all live cattle and bovine products from the United States (excluding milk and dairy products, hide and leather, gelatin for photography use) are temporarily suspended. All Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine bodies at all levels are instructed to strictly follow the "Exit and Entry Animal and Plant Quarantine Law of the People's Republic of China" and its implementation rules and the relevant regulations of the "Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China" and to closely cooperate to strictly undertake quarantine, epidemic prevention and supervision work to prevent BSE from coming into our country.
2. Based on the "Program of BSE Surveillance of MOA" and the "National BSE Risk Factor Investigation Conclusions", all Animal Quarantine and Supervision bodies at various levels should immediately undertake the monitoring and supervision of all live cattle of US origin in recent years (including embryos) and offspring (including offspring of cross breeds).
3. All Animal Quarantine and Supervision bodies and Entry and Exit Inspection Quarantine Bodies at all levels should report immediately to MOA and AQSIQ. Samples of suspected cases must be immediately sent for testing and confirmation.

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